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## COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR NPRM IMPLEMENTING SECTION 1003 OF THE TELEVISION VIEWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2019

MB Docket No. 20-31

**Comment Date: March 5, 2020**  
**Reply Comment Date: March 16, 2020**

On January 31, 2020, the Commission adopted and released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*NPRM*) proposing to revise its retransmission consent rules to implement section 1003 of the Television Viewer Protection Act of 2019 (TVPA).<sup>1</sup> Among other things, the Commission proposed to adopt rules defining: (i) the term “large station group” as used in section 1003 of the TVPA to mean, in relevant part, an entity whose individual television station members *collectively* have a national audience reach of more than 20 percent; and (ii) the term “qualified MVPD buying group” as used in section 1003 to mean, in relevant part, an entity that negotiates on behalf of MVPDs that collectively serve no more than 25 percent of all households receiving service from *any* MVPD in a given local market.<sup>2</sup> The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 15 and 25 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup>

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on February 19, 2020.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, comments must be submitted no later than March 5, 2020. Reply comments must be submitted no later than March 16, 2020. Commenters must follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 13 of the *NPRM*.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Implementation of Section 1003 of the Television Viewer Protection Act of 2019*, MB Docket No. 20-31, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-10 (rel. Jan. 31, 2020). The *NPRM* is available on the Commission’s website. See <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-10A1.docx>.

<sup>2</sup> See *id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/19/2020-02923/implementation-of-provisions-of-the-television-viewer-protection-act-of-2019-governing-negotiation>.

<sup>5</sup> See *NPRM* at 6, para. 13.